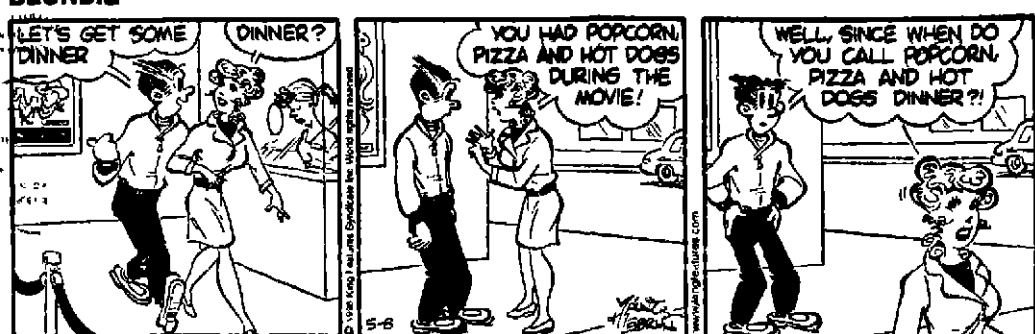
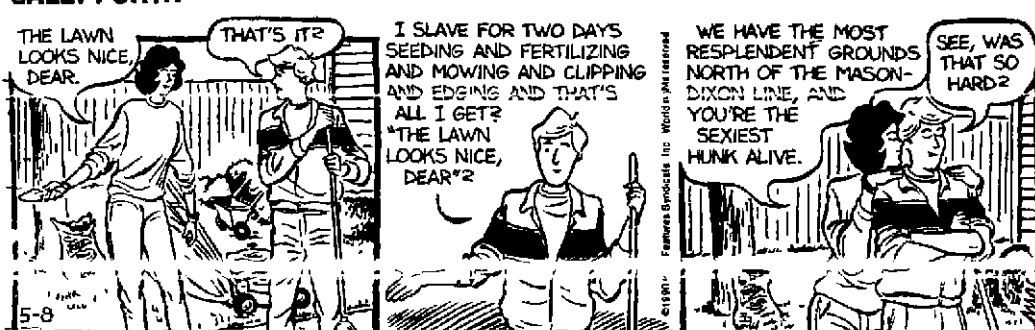


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



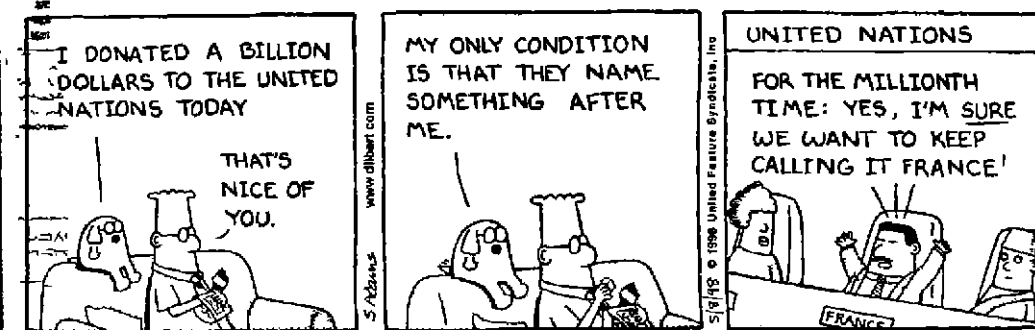
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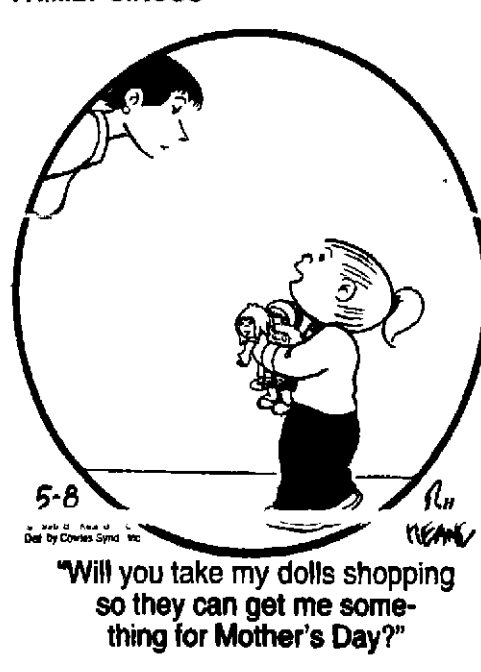
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Don Rickles is 72. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 71. Peter Benchley is 58. Singer Toni Tennille is 55. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 47. Rock musician Billy Burnette is 45. Actor David Keith is 44. Actor Stephen Furst is 44. Rock musician Alex Van Hellen is 43. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 34. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 34. Country musician Del Gray is 30.

I NEED HELP



Timmy Atkins misses the concept of lunch money.

SCRABBLE

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Syllable Words) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDG'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-4-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

M E O U G T O	4th Letter Triple	1
S A I O N O P		2
A G L G B E U	Triple Word Score	3
D B N F U O E		4

PAR SCORE 135-145 by JUDG

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

—Dinner

N L I E B Y V R O O L I F C Z
W T Q N K H I F C N Z W U R P
M J H E E C R E V A S S E Z
X U S Q N V H L G L J C G G E
E C N O Y N A C U R Z X L R C
V T R P N L S C L G E E J O I
H E C A Y W M S L Y N T F G V
T R P N L K I L Y I I F A G E
E C B Z X W E U M B V A U R R
S R P O M W L J I G A H L E C
D B A Y X W U T S Q R S T P O

Thursday's unlisted clue: ALASKA
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: THE GRAND -

Abyss	Crevasse	Gulch	Shaft
Cave	Crevice	Gully	Volcano
Chasm	Fault	Mine	Well
Crater	Gorge	Ravine	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, May 9, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're upbeat as the day begins. However, your mood wanes as time goes on.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your skepticism is showing, and as a matter of fact, you have good reasons to be suspicious.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're strong enough to handle the bad news you receive. Take heart in the fact that the situation is temporary.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in the spotlight, and you love it. However, that's no reflection on your true worth.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A look at your finances tells you you're in better shape than you thought. Make plans with your mate.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Someone who recently entered your social sphere is becoming more and more pushy. Be sure to be firm.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Domestic chores abound, and you need to muster your energy before you can tackle them.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're on the go, full of energy, and positively buoyant. Your enthusiasm is contagious, in fact.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A bit of recklessness on your part could lead to a minor accident. Take care.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Knowing you can trust a friend is important to you. That confidence you share won't go anywhere else.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Feel free to plan that vacation. You have enough support on the job to get away from it all for a while.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Someone from the past re-enters your life, and you're not happy about it. Given your shared history, you have no need to feel obligated.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's West bragged that he had memorized the Tables of Standard Opening Leads and never deviated from the norm. Today's game taught him a valuable lesson. The information gleaned from the bidding of the opponents is worth more than a dozen lead tables. Today's West chose to lead the club queen. It was a safe attacking lead, with no chance of giving declarer a free trick. Unfortunately, it gave South his game instead. South took dummy's club king and led dummy's spade jack, allowing East's queen to win the trick. East shifted to a trump to West's ace, and West led another trump to cut down dummy's ruffs. It was too late. South won, cashed his spade ace and ruffed a spade in dummy. He returned to his club ace to ruff another spade, establishing his fifth spade. Then he cashed dummy's diamond ace, conceded a diamond, drew the last trump, and claimed the remaining tricks. What can West lead to beat the game? He should begin with a low trump. After North responds one no-trump and raises hearts, he advertises he has length in hearts and no more than two spades. This marks East with spade length, and South's most likely plan will be to ruff spades in dummy. After the low heart lead (ace and another won't do), South's game will fail. When East wins his spade trick, he leads a second trump to West's ace, and a third trump lead eliminates a vital spade ruff in dummy. This gives the defenders two spades, a diamond and a trump, limiting South to only nine tricks.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0327

ACROSS

- Crack and reddish
- Asylum star Sylvia
- Pitcher Labine
- Painter Bonheur
- Pound (down)
- See 1-Down
- Obote's overthrower
- Show Boat
- 1989
- Neill/Kidman thriller
- Abatement
- Runner Alexander
- Retirement mecca, informally
- Letter drop-offs
- Place for a pin
- Busy person's alleged work load
- Vast
- Playfully roughish
- about (around)
- The Hoosier Post
- Leader of the Limericks, in 60's pop
- Actor Stoltz
- Postgame show
- Uncouth one
- Bovine mouthful
- Holes as expected
- Start liking
- "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever" poet
- Christmas eave decoration?
- "Floor it"
- Jackpot
- Painter's first class, possibly
- Either of the Sprats
- Pinnacle
- Part of a full house
- Underworld flower
- Predisposition
- Ultimatum ender

DOWN

- With 15-Across, lifetime
- Comedy hit of 1990
- Anatolia, today
- Ling-Ling and others
- Athenian site
- You and you, along the Yazoo
- "Delicious"
- It might afford a remedy
- Produce drawers
- "C'est —"
- Affair
- Go with the flow?
- M-G M's motto
- Incubation station
- Pragmatize
- Peace Nobel
- John Boyd
- Café —
- Capital on the Willamette
- Ten in front?
- Shrubby thicket
- A, B or C precursor
- Party snack-mix ingredient
- Cnatter
- Lose moisture, in a way
- Sheffield artisan
- Toy dog
- No layabout
- Wrap in bright colors
- Era
- C. P. Snow's "— of Varnish"
- Long Branch Saloon proprietress
- Run off a farm?
- Successor to Churchill
- C. P. Snow's "— of Varnish"
- Libretto
- Film processing place

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